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PAPER AND PULP INDUSTRY
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether keeping in view the environment protection and pollution free atmosphere in the country it is necessary for paper and pulp industry to adopt new technology; and

(b) if so, the initiatives taken by the Government to encourage the said industry in this direction?

Answer

THE MINSTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN SINGH)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Government has taken a number of steps to encourage the Paper & Pulp Industry for protection of environment including the following:-

(i) The Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute (CPPRI) hasbeen executing a number of research projects which are directed towards identification, development & adoption of technologies for environment protection.

(ii) CPPRIhas also developed indigenous environmental friendly technologies viz. high rate biomethanation of pulp & paper mill effluents and desilication of silica rich black liquors for reducing solid waste due to like sludge for adoption by Paper Industry.

(iii) Schemes/Programmes for promotion of cleaner production technologies on pilot scale & demonstration scale have been initiated. Global Environmental Facility (GEF) is one such programme launched jointly by Government of India and Untied Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and Paper industry is one of the industries included in this project.